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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5458**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Schmidt, Regala, Berkey and Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the surcharge for preservation of historical  
2 documents; and amending RCW 36.22.170.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.170 and 1993 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 A surcharge of (~~two~~) four dollars per instrument shall be charged  
7 by the county auditor for each document recorded, which will be in  
8 addition to any other charge authorized by law. One dollar of the  
9 surcharge shall be deposited in the county general fund to be used at  
10 the discretion of the county commissioners to promote historical  
11 preservation or historical programs, which may include preservation of  
12 historic documents. Fifty percent of the remaining revenue generated  
13 through this surcharge shall be transmitted monthly to the state  
14 treasurer who shall distribute such funds to each county treasurer  
15 within the state in July of each year in accordance with the formula  
16 described in RCW 36.22.190. The county treasurer shall place the funds  
17 received in a special account titled the auditor's centennial document  
18 preservation and modernization account to be used solely for ongoing  
19 preservation of historical documents of all county offices and

1 departments and shall not be added to the county current expense fund.  
2 The remaining fifty percent of the revenue generated by this surcharge  
3 shall be retained by the county and deposited in the auditor's  
4 operation and maintenance fund for ongoing preservation of historical  
5 documents of all county offices and departments.

6 The centennial document preservation and modernization account is  
7 hereby created in the custody of the state treasurer and shall be  
8 classified as a treasury trust account. State distributions from the  
9 centennial document preservation and modernization account shall be  
10 made without appropriation.

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